

REMARKS

Claims 6, 8-10 and 14-23 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 8-10 are amended, claims 4, 5, 12 and 13 are canceled, and claims 14-23 are added. Claims 6 and 8 are amended for clarity and to even more clearly distinguish over the applied reference. Claim 9 is amended to be consistent with claim 8 and claim 10 is amended for clarity.

No new matter is added by the above amendments. For example: (1) the feature added to claim 6 is supported in the original specification at, for example, page 7, line 23 - page 8, line 5, page 9, line 25 - page 10, line 1, page 16, lines 17-20, page 17, lines 4-6 and page 18, lines 21-25; (2) the features added to claim 8 are supported by the original specification at, for example, page 14, lines 21-25 and page 19, line 20 - page 20, line 3; (3) new independent claim 14 is similar to claim 6 except that the first clause is different and the last clause ("wherein the wireless communication unit is a stand-alone unit") is omitted; (4) new independent claim 22 is supported by the same portions of the specification that support claim 6; (5) claims 15 and 16 are supported at, for example, page 19, line 20 - page 20, line 3; (6) claim 17 is supported at, for example, page 9, lines 19-23 and Fig. 1; (7) claim 18 is supported at, for example, Fig. 1 and the portions of the specification cited above with respect to the additions to claim 6; and (8) claims 19-21 and 23 are supported at, for example, page 11, lines 10-12.

The rejections of claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are moot because claims 12 and 13 have been canceled.

Claims 4-6, 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,366,871 to Geva. In addition, claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Geva. The rejection of claims 4 and 5 is moot because the claims have been canceled. The rejections are respectfully traversed with respect to the remaining claims pending in this application.

Regarding independent claims 6 and 24, Geva does not disclose or suggest the claimed interface portion that includes a connector portion having a shape that mimics a shape of a removable memory-medium-device, the connector portion being receivable by and connectable to a memory-medium-device-receiving-portion of the main device. As described in the specification, the claimed interface portion permits the wireless communication unit to be connected to the memory-medium-device-receiving-portion of the main device as if the wireless communication unit were a memory-medium-device such as, for example, a CF card or a memory stick. The terminus 18 of Geva (which the Office Action asserts is the claimed interface) merely receives wires 16 from various input devices and then itself is connected to the monitor 12 by a wire. See, for example, col. 5, lines 37-48 of Geva. Nothing disclosed in Geva has a shape that mimics a shape of a removable memory-medium-device. Accordingly, independent claims 6 and 24, as well as their dependent claims, are patentable over Geva.

Independent claim 14 is patentable over Geva because Geva does not disclose the claimed control portion that "automatically deletes the backup from the recording portion after transmission of the information in the wireless communication portion is normally terminated." The portions of Geva referenced in the Office Action do not disclose automatic deletion after wireless transmission of information. Col. 7, lines 8-15 of Geva states that the data stored in the RAM 602 may be transmitted immediately or at a later time by the radio subsystem 500. No disclosure of deletion (automatic or otherwise) is made. Col. 9, lines 30-63 of Geva merely indicates that the RAM 602 operates according to the FIFO process by which the first information stored in the memory is the first information to be overwritten when the memory becomes full. However, a FIFO process would not necessarily result in automatic deletion after the transmission of information is normally terminated as recited in claim 14. Accordingly, claim 14 is patentable over Geva. In addition, although new claim 14 does not include the "stand-alone unit" feature added to claim 6 in the previous

Amendment, claim 14 is patentable over the references applied against claim 6 in the previous (August 5, 2005) Office Action, because those references do not disclose or suggest the claim 14 "control portion" that transmits information through a wireless communication portion to an external destination and generates a backup of the information to the recording portion.

Regarding independent claim 8, Geva does not disclose or suggest the claimed control portion that selects the information that is to be transmitted based on predetermined attribute information that is associated with the information and transmits the selected information through the wireless communication portion to the external destination. The Office Action does not even mention the predetermined attribute information feature of claim 8. None of the data transmitted by Geva is selected based on predetermined attribute information that is associated with the information that is transmitted. Accordingly, independent claim 8, along with its dependent claims, is patentable over Geva.

Regarding independent claim 10, Geva does not disclose or suggest the claimed control portion that prohibits power supply from the main device to the wireless communication unit from being stopped by imitating the recording operation done by the main device through the interface while performing wireless communication with the wireless communication portion. The monitor 12 of Geva does not even receive power from the input devices 105, which the Office Action corresponds to the claimed main device. Moreover, although the Office Action asserts that "it would have [sic] obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to take preventative measures so as to prevent power failure while transmitting data during wireless communication so that the transmitted information is not corrupted when it gets to an external device," Geva does not even recognize such a problem or disclose or suggest the solution recited in independent claim 10. Accordingly, independent claim 10 is patentable over Geva.

Geva also does not disclose or suggest an arrangement in which the connector portion of the interface portion includes a power line by which power is supplied to the wireless communication unit from the main device, as recited in dependent claims 19-21 and 23. These claims are patentable over Geva for this additional reason.

Withdrawal of the rejections based on Geva is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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